Supply of arms and ammunition by Pak to terrorists

3673. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of supply of arms and ammunition by Pakistan to terrorists and other militants operating in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard including pressure from friendly countries to forbid Pakistan from doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government continues to have evidence of supply of arms and ammunition by Pakistan to terrorists and abetment and encouragement to terrorism and secessionism directed against India.

(c) Government have conveyed to Pakistan in clear and categorical terms that its support to subversion and terrorism directed against India, and its interference in India's internal affairs is unacceptable.

The international community has been apprised of Pakistan's support to subversion and terrorism in the states of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. There is widespread understanding for India's position.

Appointment of Ambassadors

3674. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms followed in the appointment of Ambassadors in foreign countries; and

(b) whether the activities of these ambassadors are checked by any official machinery, if not, what method is adopted to review the working of the ambassadors in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Selection of Ambassadors/Heads of Mission from the IFS Officers are made on the basis of their seniority, past experience, service record, knowledge of foreign languages and specialisation in any particular field. Selection of Non-IFS Heads of Mission are also made at the discretion of the Government from amongst eminent persons from Public.

(b) Activities of all Ambassadors are reviewed by the Ministry on a continuous basis. For every Mission an annual action plan is prepared which is closely monitored.

Bombs design to Pak by China

3675. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 5th November, 1992, under caption "China has given bomb design to Pakistan" which according to American Senator John Glenn is a proven Chinese design that has been tested many times in China;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) what is the reaction of Government of India thereto; and

(d) whether Government are also aware of the reported news item in Hindustan Times dated 6th December, 1992 captioned "Chinese M-11 B-Missiles for Pakistan" which are more accurate, more mobile and quicker to launch, if so in what manner Government of India intend to face this new challenge?